
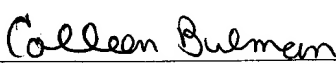


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| <b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>   |                                     |                             | SEP 14 2004  | Docket No.<br>END920000075US1 |                   |
| Applicant(s): Gerard Vahee et al   |                                     |                             |  |                               |                   |
| Serial No.<br>09/660,852   | Filing Date<br>09/13/2000           | Examiner<br>Vanel Frenel    | Group Art Unit<br>3626   |                               |                   |
| Invention: <b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT METHOD AND SYSTEM</b>   |                                     |                             |  |                               |                   |
| <u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>  |                                     |                             |  |                               |                   |
| Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  |                                     |                             |  |                               |                   |
| The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.   |                                     |                             |  |                               |                   |
| <b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>   |                                     |                             |  |                               |                   |
|  | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST #<br>PREV. PAID FOR | NUMBER EXTRA<br>CLAIMS PRESENT   | RATE                          | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS   | 12 -                                | 12 =                        | 0 x  | \$18.00                       | \$0.00            |
| INDEP. CLAIMS  | 7 -                                 | 7 =                         | 0 x  | \$86.00                       | \$0.00            |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>   |                                     |                             |  |                               | \$0.00            |
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| <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <b>09-0457</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.</p> |                                     |                             |  |                               |                   |
| <br>_____<br>Signature  |                                     |                             | Dated: <b>09/10/04</b>   |                               |                   |
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Patent Application of: Gerard Vahee et al

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| Group Art Unit: 3626      | : | IBM Corporation           |
| Examiner: Vanel Frenel    | : | Intellectual Property Law |
| Serial No.: 09/660,852    | : | Department IQ0A/040-3     |
| Filed: 09/13/2000         | : | 1701 North Street         |
| Title: PROJECT MANAGEMENT | : | Endicott, New York 13760  |
| METHOD AND SYSTEM         |   |                           |

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 07/14/2004 in the above-designated application, applicants offer the following response:

**REMARKS**

Applicants provided 04/06/04 a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 of conception prior to the effective filing date of references cited in the Office Action of 12/04/2003. The Examiner has questioned in the above Office Action, the evidence provided with the 1.131 Declaration. Specifically, the Examiner